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TOWN HALL 238 Danbury Road Wilton, Connecticut 06897

June 30, 2020

CERTIFIED MAIL -- RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED & REGULAR MAIL

Candice & Hermann Behrens 220 Nod Hill Road Wilton, CT 06897

RE: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER 220 Nod Hill Road - Wilton, CT, Map 78, Lot 11-4

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Behrens,

Town Hall staff has recently learned of site work being conducted at 220 Nod Hill Road, in a regulated area without a permit. On June 29, 2020 Town staff observed your property from SNEW property and discussed with you the clearing of trees and grubbing of stumps within a regulated area related to a wetland/watercourse.

It is the conclusion of Commission staff that unauthorized activities have occurred on the property. Therefore, you are in violation of Connecticut General Statutes sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 which requires that a permit be obtained prior to conducting regulated activities affecting inland wetlands and watercourses.

A Cease and Desist Order has been placed on the property at 220 Nod Hill Road. You are directed to stop all work on the property.

A "show cause" hearing shall be held to discuss this matter on Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via public teleconference or remote public meeting via computer. Teleconference or remote meeting login information will be listed in the meeting agenda posted on the Town's website on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. If you wish to submit any supporting documentation for your testimony at this hearing, you will need to email it to <u>mike.conklin@wiltonct.org</u> and <u>elizabeth.larkin@wiltonct.org</u> no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 7, 2020. During the hearing you will have the right to present testimony to the Commission to help determine if the Order should be withdrawn, modified or remain in effect. The Commission shall render a decision within 10 days of this hearing. Failure to comply with directives resulting from this hearing shall result in

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court action.

Any further failure to follow the directives of the Commission or its staff, including any additional work, shall result in the issuance of additional citations and fines.

The issuance of this Cease and Desist Order shall not delay or bar an action pursuant to section 22a-44(b) of the General Statutes.

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Conklin, Director of Environmental Affairs at 203-563-0180. Your prompt cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth y Craig

Elizabeth Craig, Chairperson Inland Wetlands Commission

 cc: Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectman Ira Bloom, Town Counsel
Wilton Health Department – Barry Bogle, Director Planning & Zoning – Tim Bunting, ZEO